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LADIES GIVE MOST SUCCESSFUL PARTY EVER GIVEN IN PAW PAW

The Leap Year dancing party at Longwell's opera house last Friday evening given by the young ladies of Paw Paw was a success in every way. It was the universal verdict of both the dancers and the spectators who crowded the gallery and stage that it was one of the prettiest and most successful parties ever given in Paw Paw.

The opera house was beautifully decorated in pink, representing an endless amount of labor by the people having the work in charge. The music furnished by the celebrated Fischer orchestra of Kalamazoo was never better. Encore after encore, to which they cheerfully responded, showed the appreciation of the dancers and spectators. During one of the beautiful waltzes several couples went to the gallery and showered the dancers with carnations as favors.

After the last number on the program a dainty and delicious spread was enjoyed at the Maple City club rooms. Mrs. Larue Chappell had charge of this part of the program, and received many compliments for the excellence of the courses and the manner in which they were served.

Everything combined to make this the real event of the year. The committee of young ladies, the Misses Catherine Cole, Bessie Harrison, Eva Longwell and Florence Kelley, are entitled to much credit for the success of the party. It is now up to the gentlemen to show their

appreciation by giving a return party. It would be quite impossible to equal the effort of the ladies, but nevertheless they could do their best.

Following is a partial list of the out of town guests:

Bert Ford, Miss Irene Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Buechner, Miss Frances Hungerford, Miss Mary Baker, Miss Gladys O'Connor, Miss Ethel Emmons, Miss Pearl Spicer, Miss Neenah Muir, Cecil Wilcox, Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan, Dr. and Mrs. Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. DeLoenaga, L. W. Leroy, G. W. Dugood, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sackett, Seward and Catherine Sage, Paul Post, Miss Harbott, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Graham, Lynn Gorton, Miss Mollie Rich, Steve Starks, Glenn Herron, Gobleville; Cook Sanford, Arthur Adams, Jackson; Misses Gail Swift, Dorothy Decker and Hazel Green, and Messrs. Carlos Cole Lawrence Brockett, Glenz Sooy and Phil Kelleher, Battle Creek; Miss Anadine McCabe, Lansing; Miss Vivian McCabe and Senator James H. Lee, Detroit; Miss Helen Clapp, Ithaca, N. Y.; Chas. Nichols, Mrs. Johns, Hartford; Miss Harden, Hart; Miss Marjory Thomas, Miss Spelman, Miss Lottie Welch, Harold Lawrence, Decatur; Misses Mary Ryan and Olive Donovan, Wm. Ryan, Mr. Martin, Lawrence; Miss Marjorie Dunnington, Mr. Essig and Mr. Adams, Dowagiac; Miss Vesta Grimes, Kalamazoo.

THE ENGEL BAKING COMPANY NOW HAVE MOST MODERN PLANT

The interior finishing and furnishing of the Engel Home bakery is about completed, and without question this bakery is now one of the finest in this part of Michigan. New cases, new decorations, and modern and up-to-date equipment make the place one to be admired.

Mr. Engel has made a great success of the bakery business in Paw Paw. Hard work, a thorough knowledge of the business, honesty and courtesy, with consistent advertising have built up a phenomenal business. The output of the bakery now is double what it was

last year at this time, and is increasing every day. Four thousand loaves of bread are baked every week now, and a month from now that number will be doubled. This of course in addition to the other baked goods for which the place has become famous.

Ray Wheaton is back on the job, and it will soon be necessary to put on a night force. Mr. Engel is to be congratulated upon his success, and the citizens of Paw Paw and vicinity should be proud of the enterprise. We bespeak for this busy place continued success and prosperity.

FORMER PAW PAW BOY PROMOTED

Another Paw Paw boy has made good. The Grand Rapids Press of recent date states that Leigh E. Stevens is now acting city engineer of the city of Grand Rapids. He has been assistant engineer for some time, and now assumes the full duties as head of the department. The position carries with it a salary of \$2,000 per year.

Leigh is a Paw Paw boy, son of F. E. Stevens, and brother of Mrs. J. C. Maxwell. He graduated from the Paw Paw schools, attended the M. A. C. at Lansing for two years, and then finished a course in engineering at the U. of M.

By his fidelity industry and skill he has gradually forged to the front, and the recent promotion speaks exceptionally well for his standing and ability. The True Northerner joins his Paw Paw friends in congratulations.

BUSY TIMES FOR THE CONTRACTORS

There seems to be considerable building in and about Paw Paw this spring. All the contractors and builders are having all they can do. C. C. Young reports that he has a force of 14 men at work on the various jobs under way, and even then cannot keep up with the orders. One force is at work on the McNeil office building of which The True Northerner made some mention last week. Mr. Young also made the plane and specification for the building.

TAKE MARK MASTER'S DEGREE

The Mark Master's Degree was conferred on three candidates in Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M., last Monday evening. Several Companions from Lawton and Gobleville were present. The candidates to receive the degree were Willard Warner and Ford Wilber of Paw Paw and Prof. C. A. Murphy of Lawton. The next meeting of the Chapter will be Monday evening, June 3, at which time these three candidates will receive the Past Master and Most Excellent Master's degrees. Bear the date in mind companions and let nothing interfere with your presence on that occasion. Refreshments will be served.

BOYS SURPRISED MIDGET DRUMMER

Thursday evening of last week, when Frank Pierce, the nifty little trap drummer of the High School band, was making arrangements to retire to the dreamless sleep of youth, a half-hundred of his schoolmates marched in and devoted the evening to having a good time. It was a complete surprise although he wondered what his mother was making so many cakes for.

Frank is a favorite with all who know him, and this was a slight effort on the part of his school mates to show their love and appreciation.

The High School band attended in uniform and the corps of teachers were also well represented. Music by the band was a feature of the evening's pleasure, and games were enjoyed. After the games, eat; after the eat a pleasant half hour at the Idle Hour theater; home run.

SAYS SON WILL NOT BE NEWSPAPER MAN

A letter from A. E. Geldhof, 659 McGraw Avenue, Detroit, announces the arrival of a 7 pound baby boy at the Geldhof home last Saturday morning, May 18. Mrs. Geldhof will be remembered as Miss Irma Lee of Paw Paw. Her mother and sister, Miss Rita, have been at the Geldhof home during the week.

Mr. Geldhof is a newspaper man with a lucrative position on the Detroit Journal. He adds to his letter the statement that the young man gives every indication of being tall and handsome like his dad, but that he is not going to be a newspaper man. The True Northerner extends congratulations.

ENJOYED THE TRIP.

Mrs. Nellie Raleigh was in Battle Creek last week as delegate to the M. S. S. A. state convention. While there she visited a cousin, Mrs. Rector, and also had the pleasure of being shown through the Post Cereal plant. She speaks very enthusiastically about the new substitute for coffee, "Instant Postum," which the Post people are planning to put on the market in about 60 days.

LADIES OF CLUB ARE ENTERTAINED

Ladies' Night. Closed Activities of Year in the Fellowship Club.

TOOK TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

With Mrs. Edith Johnson. Music, Readings, Addresses and Social Hour. Are the Features.

Wednesday evening was "Ladies' Night" with the Fellowship club, and marked the close of activities with this popular organization until next fall.

The retiring president, J. W. Free, called the meeting to order, and with a few appropriate remarks, thanked the members for their hearty co-operation during the past year. He then called M. J. Coy, chairman of committee on arrangements to preside, which he did as only Milt can. The excellent program consisted in vocal selections by the fellowship Male Quartet, address by the new president, Rev. M. L. Marshall, readings by Miss Vivian McCabe, description of a trip around the world by Mrs. Edith Coy Johnson, and an address by Rev. H. W. Harvey.

Miss McCabe is a recent graduate of the Detroit school of elocution, and her readings were a revelation to her friends who are proud to know that this talented young lady is one of Paw Paw's fair daughters.

Mrs. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Coy, has just recently returned with her husband from a trip around the world. Her descriptions of the wonders and beauties of the far away cities, and incidents of the long tour, was given in a happy realistic manner, which delighted her friends.

After the program refreshments were served, then a social hour, and all went home proud to know that they were associated with the Fellowship club.

The meeting was held in the Maple City Club rooms and the committee on arrangements are entitled to great credit for the success of the evening.

NICE SUM FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The schools of the county will receive more than double the amount of library money this year, than was received last year. There are 9,134 children in the county at the present time who are entitled to the library money, and the amount to be distributed is \$720.34. In the more populous districts, this will give a nice nucleus for a library, or make a substantial addition to one already started. The library fund is made up of the penal fines of the county.

PURCHASED NEW CAR.

C. O. Monroe of The South Haven Tribune was a caller at The True Northerner Office on Wednesday. He was enroute with his brother George from Kalamazoo to South Haven with a fine new Michigan car for their father Hon. J. C. Monroe.

IN HONOR OF THE BOYS WHO WORE THE BLUE

Another Memorial Day is nearly here. Next week Thursday, May 30, is the day we honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives that the Union might live. It is to be hoped that every citizen will join with the remnant of that great army in paying tribute to the memory of their comrades. So far as possible business places should close, at least during the afternoon ceremonies.

As a special mark of respect and honor, the bells of the village will toll for five minutes at the noon hour, during which time it is requested that business of all kinds shall cease and the mind of everyone turn to thoughts of the war and what it meant. This observance will be universal throughout the land. Following are the memorial orders issued by Post Commander Wm. Killefer:

Headquarters Brodhead Post, No. 31 G. A. R.

On Memorial Sunday, May 26, the comrades will assemble at the post room at 10 o'clock a. m. and proceed to the Methodist church, where they will attend divine service.

On Memorial Day, May 30, the comrades will assemble at the post rooms at 9:30 a. m. and march to the water works

LARGE DIVORCE CALENDAR AHEAD

Thirty Out of 68 Cases are for Dissolution of Bonds of Matrimony.

ONE CRIMINAL CASE LISTED

Court Opens Monday. Jury Comes Week Later. Nineteen Jury Cases on Civil Calendar.

The circuit court for the county of Van Buren will convene next Monday. The jury are summoned to appear the following Monday and the first week will be devoted to the various motions and the disposition of chancery matters. The calendar for this term contains a total of 68 cases, divided as follows:

Criminal, one; issues of fact, jury, 19; issues of fact, non-jury, 6; chancery, first class, 31; chancery, fourth class, 11.

The calendar is unusual in two respects, first in the fact that it contains but one criminal case, and second for the large number of divorce cases. Of the total of 68 cases, 30 are bills filed for divorce. Every one of the cases listed in the chancery fourth class, which are the contested chancery cases, are bills for divorce. The other 19 are listed in the chancery first class, or cases where no contest will be made. Of the 30 cases the wife asks for the decree in 17, and in the other 13 the husband is the aggrieved party.

While the jury will not have much to do in a criminal way, they will be kept busy for some time if all the contested civil cases are disposed of. It is probable that many of these cases will be continued over the term, but with a total of 19 jury cases on the civil calendar there is a prospect of plenty of work ahead.

AUTOMOBILE TRADE NOW FLOURISHING

Several new automobiles have already made their appearance in Paw Paw. Some of the new ones are as follows: John McGuire, Paw Paw, and Samuel Griffin, Waverly, new Fords purchased through the C. D. Leach agency; Judge David Anderson, E. M. F. from Geo. Boyles' agency, Kalamazoo; M. C. Wheaton, new Buick, through the David Reid agency, Kalamazoo; E. F. Parks, new Michigan; Wm. C. Flook, Overland, for which he has the agency; Joseph Deal drives the E. M. F. formerly owned by E. F. Parks; David Burke the Ford bought of Fred Dibble, and last but not least, Henry Shaefer the popular register of deed, a Brush runabout. When Henry starts for the farm or on a fishing trip nothing can be seen except a red streak as he dashes by.

UNION MEMORIAL SERVICE.

All the Paw Paw churches will unite in a Memorial service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning, at the usual hour 10:30. Rev. A. T. Luther of that church will deliver the address, and will be assisted in the services by Rev. M. L. Marshall of the Presbyterian church. Special music is being prepared for the service.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD FOR THE NEW FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The True Northerner is in receipt of a copy of the first annual report of M. O. Rowland as president of The Detroit National Fire Insurance company. The report is very optimistic indeed, but the rapid progress of this new company, and the splendid men who are connected with it, would amply justify the optimistic attitude of those who are connected with the company.

The Detroit National Fire Insurance company now has a capital of over \$500,000, and the prospects of reaching the million mark, with a million dollar surplus within the next year are indeed bright. Instead of having the stock owned by a small number of capitalists as is the usual custom with large insurance companies, this company is placing the stock in small amounts among the bankers and business men of

the state. This co-operation among the successful business men of the state gives this company an advantage that will bring results.

Mr. Rowland is eminently qualified for the high position of honor and trust which has come to him. He was connected with the insurance department of the state of Michigan for ten years. First as chief deputy and later as insurance commissioner, which position he resigned to become president of this company. No man in Michigan and few men in the United States have had the opportunity to become thoroughly conversant with insurance laws, methods and policies, which has been afforded Mr. Rowland.

J. W. Free, president of the Paw Paw Savings bank, is one of the directors of this new company.

THE TWO BIG MINSTREL DAYS ARE ON TODAY AND TOMORROW

The Business Men's association held their regular meeting last Monday evening. At this meeting it was decided that all the business places in the village should be represented in the big parade to-day and to-morrow. Everyone is co-operating with the schools in making these two days record breakers for Paw Paw. It is confidently expected that the big parades will be the best ever seen here, and will be worth coming for miles to see. The minstrel entertainments will be held at the opera house in the evenings of both days.

There will be another lot of cash and merchandise prizes given away on the streets Saturday, June 1st. Tickets free with every purchase at all the stores.

To-day and to-morrow the merchants will all give special bargains in the various lines at all the stores. The advertising columns of The True Northerner is the index to the bargains that will be offered. Don't fail to come to Paw Paw for both these big days. You can't afford to stay away. Not only from a standpoint of recreation and pleasure but from a business standpoint as well.

STRIKERS DREW JAIL SENTENCES

After 14 weeks of turmoil and strife among the union and non-unionists of Kalamazoo, a dozen corset workers held themselves in jail, serving from 5 to 20 days as a penalty of adhering to the principles they had embraced when they identified themselves with the union movement.

Miss Josephine Casey, organizer of the Lady Garment Makers' union, who has been on the job since the trouble first began, drew the heaviest sentence, 20 days' imprisonment, as she was the adviser of the local workers who violated an injunction of the court by picketing the factory. Judge Frank Knappen is in sympathy with organized labor and stands for personal liberty now and all the time, but argues that the law was violated, and laying personal opinions and prejudices to one side and assuming the personality of a court of justice, could do no less than pronounce the sentence that they, as a sane people knowingly violated the laws of Michigan and should pay the penalty.

ANOTHER PAW PAW BOY MAKING GOOD

Mrs. H. A. Cole went to Battle Creek, Thursday to attend a Senior play which was put on by the Seniors of the schools there under the direction of her son Carlos.

Carlos is another of the Paw Paw boys who is making good with a vengeance. He has had wonderful success in his chosen line of work and has just signed a contract for the third year in the Battle Creek schools at an increase of \$200. His host of Paw Paw friends will join with us in extending congratulations on this merited promotion.

CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Hon. E. H. Harvey and wife were in Lawrence last Thursday evening to attend the 90th birthday anniversary of J. M. Ridlon. The affair was a complete surprise on the venerable gentleman and was a notable event in his life.

Mr. Ridlon was a resident of Paw Paw and one of the county officers in an early day. The True Northerner is in receipt of a splendid story of the anniversary written by Mrs. Brokaw. Space, however, will not permit its publication this week.

LAWTON WILL PLAY.

The Paw Paw high school base ball team were defeated by Lawton at that place last Saturday by a score of 4 to 1. This settled the question as to what team would play on Field day. Lawton will represent the eastern part of the county and their opponents will be either Hartford or Bloomingdale.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS HOLD CONVENTION

The County convention of Royal Neighbors held their meeting at the K. of P. hall on Tuesday, May 21. Nine camps were represented and dinner was served by the Woman's Relief Corps at the Baptist church. Over one hundred sat down to the elegant spread.

This is the strongest order in the world managed and controlled entirely by ladies. Dist. Deputy Mary E. Murphy of Dowagiac was present and expects to be here soon in the interest of the order. Clara M. Richards of Buchanan, supreme manager, was also present and gave an interesting talk. About ninety members were present at this meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres.—Mrs. Eikenburg, South Haven. Vice-pres.—Rena Jacobs, Lawrence. Sec.—Mrs. Mary Harris, South Haven. Treas.—Mrs. Warner, Glendale.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and the program was elaborate and bespeaks a prosperous future for the order which is growing rapidly and is said to be the cheapest order of its kind in existence.

CHAUTAUQUA DATES HAVE BEEN NAMED

S. M. Holliday of the Midland Chautauqua Bureau of Des Moines, Iowa, was in Paw Paw for a few hours Thursday. He states that plans are about completed for the Paw Paw chautauqua and that the program this year will be the best ever given here. Two of the headliners will be Booker T. Washington and Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of New York city. There will be other big men and the complete program can be announced soon. The dates this year are August 17 to 25 inclusive.

DRAMATIC CO. HERE BALANCE OF WEEK

The Carter Dramatic company, who have played at the Idle Hour theater the first four nights this week, have been held over for the balance of the week. The entertainments thus far during the week have been very successful and the house has been crowded to its capacity. On Friday and Saturday nights they will give a complete change of program at 5 and 10 cents. They will also give a matinee on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Children admitted for 5 cents.

Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Smith have had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Garrison and daughters Minnie, Mattie and Laura, E. J. Fraker and Mr. and Mrs. Finger of Kalamazoo.